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STATUS REPORT ON REVISED COUNTY BADGE ORDINANCE AND REVIEW OF RECENT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

On March 14, 2006, your Board directed this office, in conjunction with the County Counsel, to "review the County's existing codes, and the Sheriff's Department's current practices when issuing badges and Department photo identification cards to civilian volunteers, and report back with findings and recommendations within two weeks."

On April 6, 2006, and April 18, 2006, status reports were issued to your Board by this office and that of the County Counsel which contained certain findings and recommendations relative to your March 14, 2006 directive. On May 2, 2006 your Board accepted the findings and recommendations contained in those reports and approved the "continued review and audit of all County departments by the Office of Security Management and the revision of the County's Badge Ordinance."

Periodically, during the remainder of 2006, status reports were issued to your Board detailing the progress of the ordered review and audit. The review and audit included providing all County Departments and Commissions with an on-line survey/questionnaire; the formation of a committee whose purpose was to assist in the revision of the Badge Ordinance; and a formal on-site, physical inspection and audit of all County Departments. The latter was designed to evaluate the different County departments' policies and procedures with respect to the issuance of badges and photo identification cards. It has taken substantial time to collect and collate the data, analyze our findings, develop recommendations, and produce a thorough revision of the proposed Badge Ordinance.

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On August 7, 2007, your Board directed this office and the Office of the County Counsel to "update the Board on the status of the County's revised ordinance in two weeks, and ensure that the revised ordinance is consistent with the opinion issued by the Office of the Attorney General on July 30, 2007." It is the opinion of this office and that of the County Counsel that the proposed ordinance is in fact consistent with the recently published opinion of the Office of the State Attorney General.

This status report advises your Board that a revised County Badge Ordinance has been written and is being formally reviewed by the Office of the County Counsel prior to presentation to your Board sometime in September. Once enacted by your Board, we will develop and coordinate countywide policy and procedure which will allow for consistency from all departments in the issuance of Badges and photo identification cards.

If you any questions regarding this issue, please contact Lieutenant Steve Miller, Office of Security Management, at (213) 893-2069.

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